

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 23, with the following amended paragraph:**

(Comparative Example 1)

A and B liquids of fibrin paste (~~Beriplast P®~~ BERIPLAST P®, available from Hoechst AG, Germany) were mixed to prepare a biological tissue adhesive. 0.20 g of this biological tissue adhesive was applied onto a prepared ham (thickness: 2 mm, width: 2 cm, length: 6 cm) in an area of  $2 \times 2 \text{ cm}^2$ , and a piece of ham having the same size was superimposed on the bonding surface. Further, 50 g of weight was loaded on the bonding surface, and the hams were left at 37°C for 12 hours.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 6, with the following amended paragraph:**

(Comparative Example 2)

Gelatin paste (~~GRF-glue®~~ GRF-GLUE®, available from E. H. S., France) consisting of two liquids of a gelatin-resorcinol solution and a formaldehyde-glutaraldehyde solution was used as the biological tissue adhesive. 0.20 g of the gelatin-resorcinol solution was applied onto a prepared ham (thickness: 2 mm, width: 2 cm, length: 6 cm) in an area of  $2 \times 2 \text{ cm}^2$ , and a piece of ham having the same size was superimposed on the bonding surface. Further, 50 g of weight was loaded on the bonding surface, and the hams were left at 37°C for 12 hours.